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Agricultural Prices  
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## North Dakota Agricultural Prices

The Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products in April is 144 percent of the 1990-1992 base, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. This is down 11 percent from last year and 33 percent below two years ago. The All Crops Index, at 148 percent of the base, is down 16 percent from April 2009 while the All Livestock and Products Index, at 130 percent, is up 14 percent from last year. April indexes are calculated using preliminary mid-month prices.

The March Index of Prices Received for All Farm Products, recalculated with full month prices, was 147 percent of the base, down 9 percent from March 2009. The All Crops Index, at 153 percent, was down 14 percent from the previous year while the All Livestock and Products Index, at 121 percent, was up 11 percent from March 2009.

Preliminary April prices, followed by the change from March:

- Spring Wheat, \$4.85 per bushel, up 5 cents;
- Durum Wheat, \$4.55 per bushel, up 23 cents;
- Winter Wheat, \$3.55 per bushel, down 21 cents;
- Feed Barley, \$2.10 per bushel, down 54 cents;
- Malting Barley, \$3.40 per bushel, down 50 cents;
- Corn, \$3.15 per bushel, up 1 cent;
- Soybeans, \$9.00 per bushel, down 5 cents;
- All Sunflower, \$16.10 per cwt., down 40 cents;
- Canola, \$16.30 per cwt., down 10 cents;
- Flaxseed, \$8.20 per bushel, down 62 cents;
- All Dry Edible Beans, \$24.30 per cwt., down \$1.40;
- All Potatoes, \$9.90 per cwt., unchanged;
- Alfalfa Hay, \$65.00 per ton, down \$3.00;
- Other Hay, \$46.00 per ton, down \$2.00;
- Steers and Heifers, \$107.00 per cwt., up \$6.00;
- Cows, \$58.00 per cwt., up \$2.00;
- Calves, \$128.00 per cwt., up \$11.00.

March whole month prices, with no preliminary April, followed by the change from February:

- Oil Sunflower, \$14.80 per cwt., down \$1.20;
- Non-oil Sunflower, \$21.90 per cwt., up 30 cents;
- Navy Beans, \$29.40 per cwt., up 10 cents;
- Pinto Beans, \$24.60 per cwt., down \$1.30;
- Fresh Potatoes, \$8.85 per cwt., up 55 cents;
- Potatoes for Processing, \$10.30 per cwt., up 80 cents;
- Hogs, \$49.70 per cwt., down 50 cents;
- Lambs, \$111.00 per cwt., up \$4.00;
- Sheep, \$39.00 per cwt., unchanged.

April prices are preliminary and based on sales data for only part of the month. They will be replaced with whole month prices in next month's report. March prices are based on sales data for the entire month.

**Index Numbers of Farm Prices  
North Dakota and United States, April 2010**

Indexes and Ratios	North Dakota			United States		
	Apr 2009	Mar 2010	Apr 2010	Apr 2009	Mar 2010	Apr 2010
<b>Prices Received</b>			<i>(1990-92 = 100)</i>			
All Farm Products	162	147	144	129	140	138
Crops	177	153	148	150	153	150
Food Grains	207	150	152	200	170	170
Feed Grains & Hay	181	150	138	168	153	151
Oil Bearing Crops <sup>1</sup>	172	167	161	175	167	169
Potatoes & Dry Beans <sup>2</sup>	137	141	135	168	131	135
Livestock and Products	114	121	130	112	128	127
Meat Animals	112	122	133	110	120	126
Dairy Products	114	113	114	91	113	112
Other Livestock Products <sup>3</sup>	127	127	127	140	159	143
<b>Prices Paid</b>	NA	NA	NA	180	182	183
<b>Ratio <sup>4</sup></b>	NA	NA	NA	72	77	75

NA=Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Includes non-oil sunflower.

<sup>2</sup> North Dakota includes lentils, dry peas and sugarbeets.

<sup>3</sup> United States excludes wool.

<sup>4</sup> Ratio of Index of Prices Received to Index of Prices Paid.

**Prices Received by Farmers  
North Dakota and United States, April 2010**

Item	Unit	North Dakota			United States			Effective U.S. Parity Price April 2010
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary	
		April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	
		<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
Wheat, All	Bu	6.53	4.69	4.79	5.75	4.70	4.69	14.50
Durum	Bu	7.01	4.32	4.55	7.18	4.57	4.92	NA
Spring	Bu	6.51	4.80	4.85	6.49	5.04	5.12	NA
Winter	Bu	5.01	3.76	3.55	5.26	4.45	4.33	NA
Corn	Bu	3.55	3.14	3.15	3.85	3.55	3.51	9.04
Oats	Bu	1.90	1.73	<sup>1</sup>	2.37	2.28	2.04	5.93
Barley, All	Bu	5.01	3.72	3.21	4.84	4.15	3.63	10.10
Feed	Bu	2.68	2.64	2.10	2.65	2.68	2.35	NA
Malting	Bu	5.21	3.90	3.40	5.33	4.36	3.89	NA
Sunflower, All	Cwt	19.00	16.50	16.10	20.20	15.80	15.70	45.00
Oil	Cwt	16.90	14.80	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Non-oil	Cwt	32.80	21.90	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Baled Hay, All <sup>2</sup>	Ton	90.00	63.00	62.00	126.00	108.00	109.00	NA
Alfalfa <sup>2</sup>	Ton	95.00	68.00	65.00	131.00	111.00	113.00	NA
Other <sup>2</sup>	Ton	69.00	48.00	46.00	114.00	98.60	99.30	NA
Canola	Cwt	15.50	16.40	16.30	15.50	16.50	16.30	39.60
Flaxseed	Bu	8.14	8.82	8.20	8.13	8.82	8.20	23.60
Soybeans	Bu	9.62	9.05	9.00	9.79	9.39	9.48	22.30
Dry Edible Beans, All	Cwt	25.60	25.70	24.30	31.50	29.50	31.30	70.00
Navy	Cwt	22.00	29.40	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Pinto	Cwt	25.40	24.60	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Potatoes, All	Cwt	8.70	9.90	9.90	9.81	7.42	7.59	20.30
Fresh <sup>3</sup>	Cwt	11.20	8.85	NA	11.98	5.26	NA	NA
Processing	Cwt	7.45	10.30	NA	7.61	8.86	NA	NA
Beef Cattle	Cwt	84.20	94.30	99.70	83.80	90.50	95.40	248.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt	96.00	101.00	107.00	88.30	95.60	101.00	NA
Cows	Cwt	50.50	56.00	58.00	48.00	53.50	56.90	NA
Calves	Cwt	109.00	117.00	128.00	109.00	115.00	121.00	350.00
Sheep	Cwt	28.50	39.00	NA	34.70	51.80	NA	106.00
Lambs	Cwt	102.00	111.00	NA	101.00	115.00	NA	280.00
Hogs	Cwt	40.60	49.70	NA	44.00	52.20	53.60	135.00

NA=Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

<sup>2</sup> Alfalfa, other and all hay are mid-month prices only.

<sup>3</sup> Fresh market prices only, includes table stock.

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